

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**  
**TO H.R. 1480**  
**OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Beagle Brigade Act  
3 of 2023”.

**4 SEC. 2. NATIONAL DETECTOR DOG TRAINING CENTER.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established a National  
6 Detector Dog Training Center (referred to in this Act as  
7 the “Center”).

8       (b) DUTIES.—The Center shall have the following du-  
9 ties:

10           (1) Training dogs for the purpose of safe-  
11 guarding domestic agricultural and natural resources  
12 from foreign and invasive pests and diseases.

13           (2) Training human handlers to successfully se-  
14 lect and train dogs for the purpose described in  
15 paragraph (1).

16           (3) Collaborating with relevant Federal agen-  
17 cies, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection,

1 to safeguard domestic agricultural and natural re-  
2 sources.

3 (4) Collaborating with external stakeholders, in-  
4 cluding State departments of agriculture, local and  
5 county agricultural officials, private sector entities,  
6 and other relevant non-Federal partners.

7 (5) Ensuring the health and welfare of all dogs  
8 under the care of the Center, including by ensuring  
9 access to necessary veterinary care, adequate shelter,  
10 and proper nutrition.

11 (6) Providing opportunities for private adoption  
12 of retirement-age trained dogs and dogs that do not  
13 complete training.

14 (7) Any other duties necessary to safeguard do-  
15 mestic agricultural and natural resources from for-  
16 eign and invasive pests and diseases, as determined  
17 by the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the  
18 Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health In-  
19 spection Service.

20 (c) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority pro-  
21 vided by this section shall expire on September 30, 2028.

22 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

23 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
24 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through  
25 the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspec-

1 tion Service, shall submit to Congress a report that con-  
2 tains—

3 (1) a description of current and emerging  
4 threats to domestic agricultural and natural re-  
5 sources from foreign pests and diseases within the  
6 purview of the operations of the Center;

7 (2) an examination of the role that the Center  
8 plays in the protection against foreign pests and dis-  
9 eases;

10 (3) a description of improvements needed in  
11 Federal programs to minimize threats from foreign  
12 pests and diseases within the purview of the oper-  
13 ations of the Center, including strengthened coordi-  
14 nation among the Animal and Plant Health Inspec-  
15 tion Service, U.S. Customs and Border Protection,  
16 and other relevant Federal agencies;

17 (4) recommendations to strengthen the capabili-  
18 ties of the Center in protecting against foreign pests  
19 and diseases; and

20 (5) recommendations to improve—

21 (A) the dog procurement procedures of the  
22 Center; and

1 (B) private adoption opportunities for re-  
2 tirement-age trained dogs and dogs that do not  
3 complete training.

